

Acting as the Commission, Minister Crosbie and Ambassador Hills took a number of decisions, a summary of which is attached. In this regard, they noted with particular pleasure that they had reached provisional agreement to accelerate elimination of tariffs on more than 400 items. These reductions, which would cover more than 6 billion dollars in bilateral trade, were in every instance requested by the private sector and enjoyed broad support on both sides of the border. Other decisions taken were all intended to facilitate implementation of the agreement, expand its benefits, and enable the parties to work toward further, mutually beneficial liberalization of trade and economic relations.

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